

REMARKS

Claims 1-4, 6-18 and 21 are pending in this application.

In response to the Requirement for Information under 37 CFR § 1.105, the Applicants state that the items requested, and particularly the non-patent literature to which the Requirement refers in section 3, in the second full paragraph at page 4, cannot be readily obtained.

Support for the amendments to the claims filed December 21, 2006 may be found in claim 5 as originally filed, as well as in the specification at page 9, line 22 to page 10, line 1, page 14, line 2 to page 15, line 3, and page 22, line 8 to page 23, line 19.

The Applicants request that the three articles cited in the subject Requirement be listed on a Form PTO-892 that accompanies the next communication from the Office.

Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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